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1. THE LPDR MEDIA JUST BEFORE THE DECEMBER 2 NATIONAL DAY
PUBLISHED SEVERAL ANNUAL STATISTICAL ECONOMIC REPORTS COMPILED
FOR THE MOST PART BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SENT TO RURAL VILLAGES
IN ORDER TO LEAD POLITICAL SEMINARS. IN NEARLY EACH CASE,
THE GOVERNMENT STATED THAT THE STATISTICS WERE INCOMPLETE.
OFFICIALS WERE ONLY ABLE TO COLLECT FIGURES IN THOSE AREAS
SECURE FROM REBEL ATTACK. THE REPORTS, CARRIED IN REFS A
THROUGH G, COVER THE FIELDS OF LAND RECLAMATION, IRRIGATION,
CASH CROP LAND AREA, AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES, FORESTRY,
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2. COMMENT: EMBASSY PUTS LITTLE STOCK IN ANY OF THESE FIGURES
WHICH THE LAO THEMSELVES SAY ARE INCOMPLETE. NONETHELESS,
THESE ANNUAL REPORTS ARE THE BEST EFFORT OF THE LPDR GOVERNMENT.
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